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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant  
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/922,948
Filing Date	August 7, 2001
Examiner Name	H. Wilkins
First Named Inventor	Stefan WIGGER
Group Art Unit	1742
Attorney Docket Number	37934-211661

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. **Enclosed**
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 22-0261
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 790.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print /Type)	Margna V. Schneller	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	26,032
Signature		Date	December 17, 2004

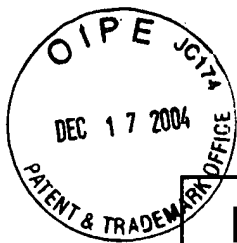
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL

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(Reflects USPTO filing fees in effect from 12/08/04)

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ ) 790

## Complete if Known

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## METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order  
☒ Deposit Account ☐ None

Deposit Account Number  
22-0261

Deposit Account Name  
Venable LLP

The Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

☒ Charge fee(s) indicated below  
☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee  
☒ Charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17  
☒ Credit any overpayments

to the above-identified deposit account.

☐ Other (please identify):

## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
Utility Filing Fee	300	150	
Design/Design CPA Filing Fee	200	100	
Plant Filing Fee	200	100	
Reissue Filing Fee	300	150	
Provisional Filing Fee	200	100	

### 1a. ADDITIONAL FILING FEES

Utility Search Fee	500	250	
Design Search Fee	100	50	
Plant Search Fee	300	150	
Reissue Search Fee	500	250	
Utility Examination Fee	200	100	
Design Examination Fee	130	65	
Plant Examination Fee	160	80	
Reissue Examination Fee	600	300	
Application Size Fee, each add'l 50 sheets > 100 sheets	250	125	

Subtotal (1) and (1a.) \$

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20	50	25
Each independent claim over 3	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
For Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
For Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
15	- 25 =	0	x 50 = 0.00

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
3	- 3 =	0	x 200.00 = 0.00

Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
Subtotal (2) \$		

### 3. OTHER FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Paid
1-month extension of time	120	60	
2-month extension of time	450	225	
3-month extension of time	1020	510	
4-month extension of time	1,590	795	
5-month extension of time	2,160	1,080	
Information disclosure stmt. fee	180	180	
37 CFR 1.17(q) processing fee	50	50	
Non-English specification	130	130	
Notice of Appeal	500	250	
Filing a brief in support of appeal	500	250	
Request for oral hearing	1,000	500	

Other: Request for Continued Examination (RCE) 790

Subtotal (3) \$ 790

## SUBMITTED BY

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